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ELLA HAS GREAT LUCK

Mrs. Ella Plague Young, recent superintendent of schools in Chicago, retires to private life with a great deal of "resignation."

Mrs. Young will receive from the city an annual pension of \$400. Just why, we don't know. Perhaps because she needs the money. We arrive at this conclusion by reasoning from the fact that no other explanation has been found for her having been made superintendent of schools at an annual salary of \$10,000, which was paid her regularly for six years. Yes, it must be that Ella needed the money. Certain it is that the schools didn't need Ella.

If this pension was any part of the inducement for Ella to resign, however, it is the best investment Chicago ever made.

Ella will detect a considerable difference between the \$10,000 salary and the \$400 pension, but by cutting down her chewing gum allowance maybe she'll manage to make the economic ends meet.

It's too bad Ella wasn't placed on the pension list instead of the salary list six years ago. It would

have been much better for Chicago and its schools. Anyway, the only actual difference between Ella's past salary and her present pension is one of amount and terminology, except that for six years the former prevented Chicago having a real superintendent of schools.

It is difficult to dope out what Ella ever has done to deserve a pension. Quite as much, though, we should say, as she ever did to earn her salary, so that a reversal of the quantitative order of compensation would have been more equitable—\$400 salary and \$10,000 pension. This financial arrangement would have insured Ella's early retirement, and Chicago could simply afford to have paid the larger sum to keep Ella out of the schools.

It would seem, then, that Chicago has pensioned the perennial Ella merely as an expression of its appreciation of her resignation.

Chicago city schools are rid of Mrs. Young, but the city payroll isn't.

However—well, Ella is 71 years old, you know.

What Is Religious Liberty?

THE Catholic press is pleading for religious liberty in Mexico—the kind of religious liberty we have in the United States. That is, they pretend to be pleading for that kind of religious liberty. What they really want is to be left alone to do as they please, when and where they please. You know religious liberty, to the Catholic church, means freedom to tell others what to do and when to do it. They have had that kind of religious liberty in Mexico so long that they would not undertake to accept a change which would put Catholics on an equal footing with non-Catholics in religious as well as civil affairs.

In Peru and Panama Catholics are just as strenuously opposing religious liberty and are calling on their American fellow Catholics to support them in their claims, in demanding their "rights." Since the lamented Father Phelan and other Catholics of high standing have repeatedly asserted that Catholics are the same everywhere and at all times, what do they mean by this apparent playing at cross purposes in North and South America? We are willing to concede that Peru and Panama reflect Catholicism in its pristine purity—illiteracy, superstition and all. In Mexico Rome has played the game too long and too well in her oppressive despotism and her own people have cried "enough." Being at the edge of American civilization Mexicans have absorbed a little of the essence of liberty and have begun to chafe under the Romish yoke. They have seen and heard of better things than those given them by their church, and revolution has followed revolution with bloody rapidity until Rome has lost the reins and is crying to the bystanders for help.

The doleful demand of Catholics for religious liberty in Mexico is a screaming farce. They do not want what they ask for but continue to ask for it until they can get things shaped around to a point where resumption of control can be successfully negotiated, then up will go the bloody cross again and down will go freedom. *The Truth Seeker*, November 27, 1915, has an editorial pertinent to the matter which we quote below as evidence that other editors are wise to Rome:

The Catholic-American press still demands of President Wilson that he compel Carranza "to grant to all Catholics of Mexico full religious liberty." But what does "full religious liberty" mean to a Catholic? The following dispatch comes from the capital of a Catholic republic:

"Lima, Peru, Nov. 5.—As a result of the monster petition presented by the women of Lima asking the president to veto the constitutional amendment granting religious liberty, the president has decided not to sign it, but he will not veto it. The amendment will be returned to Congress and automatically promulgated. The cabinet voted five to one against signing it. Dr. Valera, the minister of justice, alone declaring that it was the President's duty to sign the measure."

And here is an earlier one from another Catholic republic:

"Panama, Sept. 26.—The bishop of Panama has protested against the holding of the missionary congress of Protestants at Panama City, and President Porras has withdrawn his

consent to the meetings of the congress in the National Theatre. "The state religion of the republic is Roman Catholic and the church authorities are opposed to any proselytizing."

The *Sunday Watchman* (Catholic), which is one of the papers clamoring for full religious liberty in Mexico, says to its readers:

"Let us wait, but above all let us watch, watch, watch—and then with one mind, within the limits of the Constitution, use the power which it places into our hands to ACT."

And how will the Catholic-Americans "ACT"? Like those of Peru who denounce religious liberty in their own country, and like those of Panama who will permit no religionists of any sect but their own to enter their public buildings? A Methodist missionary in a Catholic country wrote that to a Catholic religious freedom meant the liberty to do just as he pleased with the liberty of non-Catholics; and that is a correct statement. A Catholic has no full religious liberty when he is free to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience, but only when power is given him to stop anything else but his own particular sort of worship and propaganda. Has anyone seen in a Catholic paper published in America or elsewhere a demand for religious liberty in Panama or Peru, where Catholics are suppressing it?

Josiah Priest Casey writes on "Dress" in the *Catholic Citizen*. Lent the Catholic working girls dress beyond their means and thus leave nothing for the priests in the way of funds to buy their own dresses, liquor, tobacco and other dire necessities. Casey jesuitically cautions them not to better example with their tattered and shabby dresses, but all this finery is carefully presented by these ponderous clowns for the admiring gaze of the faithful, but the Catholic working girls are advised to go slow, to dress like nuns and hide their pretty shape. Prate Casey might better distinguish himself by doing some honest work!

According to reports "Thugism" is not yet rooted out in India. The original Thugs were worshippers of a peculiar god to whom they sacrificed the body of any human being that came handy. They strangled travelers with a "sacred choke-cloth" then took the articles that happened to be on the body and left the corpse to the god. The system has been modernized a trifle and is now being carried on by the Thugs of Roman Catholicism who are not so merciful as to kill their victims, but leave them to be pulled again and again. One such Thug writing from India to the *Tablet* says: "This year our dear Lady brought us two pagans of caste. We hope through this eventually to CAPTURE a few families of the same caste or clan, etc." (Note the word "Capture.") When the Thugs didn't "Capture" a man sitting, they got him standing. Rome does a case which way they are CAPTURED! Down with Romish Thugery!

The deepest sympathy should be extended to the faithful to whom ten commandments are given for boosting Catholic papers. From first to last the commandments grow harder and stiffer until the climax in the tenth, "Open your Catholic paper in salivary coaches, on street cars, etc. SHOW PEOPLE THAT YOU ENJOY IT!" Many people are affected with nausea, anyway, when on trains—and then to have to look at a Catholic paper and pretend enjoyment of it! To the normal person, lobelia, pepper, mustard, and all the other "pre-heavens" in one dose cannot do business so effectively as the columns of a Catholic paper. To read it and look piously pleased, one should first anchor his stomach with the stoutest log-chain on the market! What is the matter, anyway, with a gang of men that need commandments for boosting a holy paper? Or what is the matter with the paper?

ROME THE REAL PROSECUTOR

Case Against Tom Watson Result of Romish Hatred—Determination that Free Press Shall Not Expose Pernicious Practices of Papacy Brings Subtle Influence to Bear—Defendants in Menace Case to Face Inquisition in January—Rome Reaches Up Through Her Tools in Court to Destroy Defenders of Truth and Justice

When Tom Watson's case was called in August, Ga., November 26, Rome hoped to secure a conviction which would have steered the intimidators to the stupendous task they have before them and would also, perhaps, have prepared the public for the worst in the trial to be heard at Joplin in January—The Menace case.

With Watson convicted the prosecution of The Menace editors would, it was hoped, be pressed with greater zeal and with greater probability of success. A precedent was wanted and Watson was selected as the goat—but the plan missed fire. A hung jury gives little encouragement, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONLY TWO HOLD OUT FOR CONVICTION.

As early as the summer of 1911 the powers of Rome determined to "get" Tom Watson. Since that time the inquisitorial fury of Rome's persecution has been busy in various ways with the destruction of the Jeffersonian and The Menace, in any way possible, as the definite end of their efforts. Even as late as August of this year, at the convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, held in Toledo, Ohio, it was asserted that action must be taken against anti-Catholic papers, and The Menace and Tom Watson were named as specific offenders against the "mother church."

The postmaster-general had been besieged with requests and demands that these publications be barred from the mails, but without success. Then the Federation began political effort to have the postal laws changed in such a way that THEY WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO SUCH PAPERS AS ROME WISHED TO DESTROY. Fitzgerald was sent to congress for that specific purpose and, according to a report of that convention which appeared in the *Boston Pilot*, Aug. 21, 1915, he was "spurred to activity" by the Federation but failed again to get the results desired.

The fight against Tom Watson and The Menace is directly chargeable to Rome. It is the inquisition in action, but without some of the horrors of the ancient system. Though Catholics and the Romish press would have the public believe that the United States is solely responsible for the prosecution, it is nevertheless the result of a deep laid plan of the papacy to push her persecuting activities under cover of the courts she has long labored to control.

ROME HAS USED POLITICAL TREASON TO PLACE MEN IN OFFICE WHO COULD BE USED TO HER ADVANTAGE. She has fastened her collar upon unconscious slaves who do not know that she is pulling the strings which move them to action. SUCH IS THE DEADLY EFFECT OF HER SUBTLETY AND WILE.

The men who must conduct the prosecution Rome has brought against Watson and The Menace are, perhaps, acting conscientiously and without ulterior motives, but the invisible hand of Rome has placed them in that position and invisible influences are pressing them on to do the will of Rome. They

are not to be blamed for the part they play, for the cunning which has made them the tools of an inquisition is successfully hidden in a hundred paths of political trickery.

The prosecution of The Menace editors, as the prosecution of Tom Watson, was and is nothing but persecution of the most devilish nature and had its incipency in the secret councils of the papacy. ROME IS THE PROSECUTOR IN BOTH CASES.

Watson was not permitted to show the motive which prompted him to publish the matter so strenuously objected to by Rome. He was not permitted to show the chain of activities which paved the way for persecution and prosecution. The animus of the prosecution was submerged and it was repeatedly pointed out that he was being tried solely for a specific violation of the penal code. He was branded as a criminal because he dared to print and circulate matter that his persecutors themselves print and mail with impunity.

It will be so in Joplin when The Menace comes to trial. The infamous institutions of Rome, her murderous and enslaving despotism, her treacherous and cunning methods of securing immunity from law, her devilish hatred of free speech and free press, her diabolical intimidating activities against persons she cannot control or bend to her uses and her avowed determination to put The Menace and Tom Watson out of business were not allowed in evidence as warrant for exposure and publicity in Watson's case, nor will they be in the coming fight at Joplin.

THE PERSONS ON TRIAL WILL BE SHOWN TO THE JURY AS CRIMINALS, GENERATORS AND DANGEROUS PERSONS!

The infamous powers of Rome instigated the prosecution of The Menace and Watson. She has exposed her method of attack and the weapons to be used. She has used the same method and the same weapon in the past and uses them today for the same purpose and with the same heartless cruelty.

It is the infamous inquisition in a new form that is bringing its hellish pressure to bear against the defenders of truth, justice, morality and liberty. As Rome claims that the ancient inquisition was a civil institution and not hers, so she claims that the prosecution of those who dare expose her treachery and greed is none of her doing. But Rome looks on with devilish glee and watches the puppets she has made do the things that she most desires shall be done.

When Rome carries her persecution of The Menace into court at Joplin on January 10 she will meet a little giant which acknowledges no defeat and which has courage enough to fight as long as there is a Romish foe left to breed hatred and destruction on American soil—but freedom of the press is doomed if Rome can put her deadly effort over at that time.

Watson's Opening Statement to the Jury

THE recent trial of the Hon. Thomas E. Watson, in the Federal Court at Augusta, Ga., charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, the defendant so clearly showed the absurdity of the government's position that we deem the opening statement to the jury worthy of publication. It follows in full:

May it please your honor, and gentlemen of the jury, as the attorney for the government has taken up so much time in outlining what he expects to prove, and commenting upon his contentions, it is nothing but fair that the defendant should outline to you his defense; his justification; his motive and purpose, and the probable consequence of his acts.

The defendant will undertake to establish to your complete satisfaction that he was connected with the Jeffersonian Publishing Company, a chartered corporation, which was empowered by the laws of the state of Georgia to publish magazines, papers, books, pamphlets, etc.; a general publishing business; that in the course of this publishing business the Jeffersonian Publishing Company put forth magazines and books some historical, some biological, some controversial and on various subjects, some of them like the subject mentioned by our fellow-citizen here, Mr. Little, on foreign missions; some have differences of opinion and more or less a passion, and antagonistic toward the publishing company on the part of those who had a different opinion.

The defendant will undertake to show that the delivery of articles for which he

has been indicted, so far as the magazines are concerned, show it on their face that they were intended to construct a book, chapter after chapter, was solely for the purpose stated, to make a book. It was a book in the making; month by month, year after year, to become a contribution to Protestant literature.

It was dealing with those great questions upon which our ancestors differed from the ruling powers in the old world, and which caused them to break loose the ties of home and pecuniary interests in the old world, and to brave the dangers of the great wide ocean, in the little wooden tube that were then the ships in which people crossed the seas. Not only that, but to brave the hardships and the dangers of this wilderness, where the wild man and the wild beast were to be conquered and the forces of nature were to be subjugated to the peculiar uses of man.

DEMOCRATIC OR MONARCHIAL

This defendant, in the course of the preparation of these articles, took up the great points of object from the Protestant and democratic point of view against this monarchial and hierarchical system of church politics. We will show you, gentlemen, by the government's own evidence, that one of these chapters which is described as being so unspeakably vile, so utterly corrupt as to deprave public morals; one chapter which speaks against un-married priesthood, a thing which was never heard of until a thousand years after our Saviour died for our salvation. In that chapter the defendant, I said, and we will repeat, that the marital relations for the full sexed man and the full sexed woman is the only proper relation,

contemplated in the old testament and in the new, that making the genial woman unite in the holy bonds of wedlock to perpetuate the human race, and calling attention to the fact that under the old law, when the monastic life was first established and when man began to try to live without taking wife, and without having improper relations with the other sex, that they had to starve themselves, they had to reduce their diet, that they had to live on the simplest vegetables, that they had to avoid meats and wine—and anything that makes good red flesh and good red blood, and the defendant said that it was unnatural, presenting the picture of half a dozen or more typical unmarried priests, and says "Look at them, here are men whose faces are red, whose eyes, whose lips, whose features, whose necks, whose bodies, show that they live richly on red meats and red wines, and it is not unnatural for these men to say that they never are tempted of evil and it is not a dangerous thing—a serious thing—for such a system to get itself fastened upon our home land!"

The district attorney mentions with horror a word which leaves me to fear that he has not closely read his Bible. He mentions the word—

Mr. Donaldson: I respectfully submit that the statement of counsel now is out of place and improper. I don't understand that he will have the right to bring, by way of argument justification, giving himself the right to send this matter through the mail. The whole thing is whether or not the matter was obscene, lewd, lascivious or filthy.

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NEW LIGHT IN KENTUCKY

THE MENACE is in receipt of the initial number of *Light*, a new Masonic publication issued from Fifth and Walnut streets, Louisville, Ky., and edited by J. W. Norwood, formerly of the editorial staff of the *Masonic Home Journal*, the official paper, owned by the Widows and Orphans' Home.

MENACE readers will remember that the editors of the *Journal* some time ago put a list of twenty questions to P. H. Callahan, chairman of the Knights of Columbus committee on "Religious Prejudice," which questions put the said Callahan where he had either to be quiet or be branded as the arch liar of the world.

Quite a discussion of the Roman Catholic question had appeared in the *Journal* prior to the publication of the list of twenty questions, and quite a bit after, but this was too much for the Romanized officials of the Masonic order in Kentucky, so they served notice on the editors of the *Journal*, Messrs. David, G. B. Rose and J. W. Norwood, that the discussion must cease.

Then, again, at the recent session

of the Grand Lodge, the trickery indulged in to bring the *Journal* editors into disrepute was such as should bring a blush of shame to every true Mason in the state.

Rather than stultify themselves by compromising with Rome and remaining with an officially muzzled lodge "organ" Rose and Norwood resigned from the *Journal* and Mr. Norwood has launched the *Light*.

It is an elegant, 32-page magazine, published every two weeks at a dollar a year, and should have the unstinted support of every true and faithful member of the craft in Kentucky. On the editorial page of the first number the editor states his purpose in these words: "To champion freedom of the Masonic press and give the world a great Masonic newspaper."

Norwood is capable of doing both.

Infallibility dethrones reason, puts a stop to investigation and morals inquiry. An unreasonable man is always unjust. The man who has no use for reason has but little reason to use. By not using his reason he loses it.

Cockran's K. C. Bunc

THE *TABLET*, December 4, 1915, says: "A promising step towards the clearing away of much misunderstanding and the end of bigotry in the United States was taken Tuesday evening in Chicago, when the first of the big meetings planned by the Knights of Columbus Committee on Religious Prejudice was held at the Coliseum in that city."

Bourke Cockran, a Knight of Columbus, was the principal speaker at that meeting and great preparation was made with the expectation of having the Masons largely and prominently represented in the audience in the vain hope that they might be converted by the Knights of Columbus "Prejudice Committee" from the so-called "bigotry" that is proving such a bug-a-boo to Rome. *The Masonic Chronicle*, December 4, pays its respects to the honorable Bourke K. C. Cockran in an editorial as follows:

The strenuous efforts made by the Knights of Columbus to induce Chicago Masons to throw fits of ecstasy or otherwise give countenance to the speechmaking of W. Bourke Cockran, and thus be inveigled into the K. C. parlor, met with quite a nipping frost, although the Romanist press agents told how Masons were elbowing their way to hear the great mouthpiece of the knights. Mr. Cockran is a renowned orator, but much of his oratory here was directed along lines which did not particularly appeal to members of the craft.

The former New York congressman and political spellbinder was here, it was said, to make a plea for world peace in a widely heralded speech at the Coliseum. Masons and Masonic organizations were bombarded with tickets and importuned to attend this peace meet, and then, perhaps, to have the speaker seek to convert them to the Catholic idea of education. Very few Masons fell for the lure. Something went awry with the main works of the meeting and the plan failed so completely as to prove a fiasco. Alleged interviews were published in which prominent Masons were purported to tell the pacifist move by the K. C.s, and incidentally the bane of the oratorical Bourke. "The editor of *The Masonic Chronicle*," was quoted among others and made to give out expressions wholly at variance with his well-known views. The fact is the editor of *The Chronicle* gave no interviews whatever, and the man quoted as editor of this paper has no editorial connection with it. If the other printed interviews were equally spurious it but shows the methods employed to mislead Chicago Masons.

Although here ostensibly to talk on world peace, Mr. Cockran improved the opportunity to wag his proverbial silver tongue in favor of parochial schools and against the public schools and the American system of education. It has even been suggested that this was the veiled purpose of his coming. The local Romanist machine has found itself "slipping" in its hold on the Chicago schools, and a spell-binder of the Cockran brand, it was argued, might serve to check the slide. *The Chronicle* will not attempt to analyze his peace plan, but if it is as full of blowholes as his school plan it would never get within range of the first line of trenches.

At the banquet of the De LaSalle Alumni association Mr. Cockran asserted that "the Roman Catholic schools are the real non-sectarian schools of the country; that the state should allow parents to select educational institutions for their children, and should then pay the institution selected for the instruction given." He denied the charge that the Roman Catholic church is opposed to the extension of education and declared that the church always has been and still is in favor of spreading knowledge. The church, Mr. Cockran said, has been accused of running sectarian schools in opposition to the best interests of the state.

"That charge is absolutely false," he declared. "As a matter of fact, the Roman Catholic schools are the real non-sectarian schools, while the so-called public school system, based on agnosticism, is sectarian. We Roman Catholics are accused of trying to get the state to recognize our religion. That is false. We do not object to being compelled to pay that our children may be educated in a manner we consider proper. We do object, however, when we have to pay for schools which we cannot permit our children to attend."

They ask us, 'How would you remedy the situation?' The solution is a simple one. The state trusts parents with the physical development of their children. Why should it not trust parents with the duty of selecting schools for their children's mental training? Of course, it is understood that the state inspects these schools to see that proper standards of intellectual training are maintained. If these standards are maintained—no matter if religion or dancing is taught in addition—the state should pay these schools for educating its future citizens."

And Bourke Cockran came to Chicago to tell us this in the face of authentic history which shows that for centuries Rome has been the arch enemy of enlightenment and education unless such be of the Romish brand—a kind that prevents the acquisition of any real knowledge, for parochial schools teach nothing that will conflict with Rome's dogmas.

He denounces as false the charges against the church schools, yet offers no proof to sustain his denunciations. There is abundant evidence right here in Chicago, and familiar to readers of *The Chronicle*, to contradict his assertions. The public school, he says, is based upon agnosticism. Our public schools are based upon Americanism; they form the very cornerstone of the American government, and he who would destroy them would destroy the government itself. The public school is the bulwark between Rome and a liberty-loving people. Real Americans will see that it is kept impregnable.

Chicago is the center of the school fight which has extended throughout the country, and the eyes of the nation are now on Chicago. Bourke Cockran made no K. C. converts among the Masons here. According to the Monitor, most rich Catholics are hard of hearing—in fact, deaf, when it comes to appeals for funds for foreign missions. These curmudgeons won't part with their wealth to the priests, and so the Monitor piously calls them "God's outcasts." The poor, who stare at the Virgin while the priest picks their pockets, will mortgage their home and sell their last pig to satisfy priestly demands—and the Monitor dubs them "God's nobles!" Blessing and cursing are easy and cheap to Rome—but while she is at it, what is she going to do about the pope who possesses altogether \$520,000,000, has an income of \$23,000,000, lives in a palace of 1,100 rooms, has jewels and dresses for every day of the year, etc.? Does he sell his last pig to help foreign missions? Some poor noodle can do that for the sake of being patted on the back and called "God's noble." But rich Catholics who follow the pope's own example are "outcasts!"

A few years ago the Romish cardinals got Taft to remove the Masonic emblems from the National Cemetery at Arlington because they were obnoxious to the church. The very same Romish prelates wanted the religious garb of the nuns and the priests retained in the Indian schools, and this was allowed them. Now look at them in other countries! An American recently returned from an extended visit in South America and he says that the prelates, monks, and nuns are not allowed to be seen there on the streets in their church garb. And in Australia, the archbishop of Sydney has been protesting fiercely, but to no purpose, because the nuns are forced to take off their religious garb, remove their rosaries, and wear a secular dress before they can enter the University of Sydney. The inconsistencies of the Romish hierarchy are a million too many!

Give Rome a chance with a lot of politicians, and she will have a hand in the public treasury soon after.